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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiichiro SAKASHITA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND A METHOD OF STORING SPENT FUEL ASSEMBLIES

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached Japanese Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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